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436. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 634 dated the 31st March 1933;

(a) whether the information required has been collected; and if so,

(b) whether it will be printed and placed on the table?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) The required information has not been completely collected.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of the answer given to sub-division (a) above.

Karinjachira canal and Anthakaran Thodu—Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk.

437. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Villagers of Nadamel, Thekkumbhagom, Thiruvankulam and Kureekkal have not been petitioning the Government for providing an outlet for the flood waters of the above said canal for a long time past;

(2) is there not a remnant of an old canal near the bridge which spans the Karinjachira canal on the road to the Hill Palace, Anthakaran thodu by name;

(3) cannot that thodu be extended eastwards to meet the Karinjachira canal and westwards to meet the backwater on the western side of Trippunittura;

(4) have not plan and estimate been prepared at least for the western half or so of the said connection long ago;

(5) why is the work not taken up in view of the large area of paddy land standing to be benefited;

(6) have not Thiruvankulam and Nadamel Panchayats recommended the construction of this canal;

(7) has not the Registrar of Panchayats also recommended the same;

(8) has not the Revenue Inspector also recommended the same after enquiring into a petition submitted to the Diwan Peishkar by more than 400 sufferers on 25th Thulam 1107;

(9) has not the Chief Engineer also recommended the same with a view to the improvement of the Nadamel market specially;

(10) what steps have the Government taken in the light of these?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.
(2) Yes.
(3) Yes.
(4) A detailed cost report has been prepared.
(5) For want of funds.
(6) The Nadamel Panchayat has recommended.
(7) Yes.
(8) It is being enquired into.
(9) Yes.
(10) Alternative proposals for the alignment of the canal have since been advanced and the matter is under investigation.

Assault on Fisherman—charges against Police.

438. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the following:—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to a note that appeared in the issue of the 'Madras Mail' dated 1st July 1933 under the caption 'alleged Assault on Fisherman, grave charges against Cochin Police';

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted to ascertain the truth of the serious charges against the police contained in that note;

(c) if so, when and by whom was the enquiry conducted and with what result;

(d) whether there was any requisition by any of the parties to have this enquiry conducted by the Commissioner of Police himself;

(e) whether the Commissioner of Police has conducted any personal enquiry into this matter; and if not, why not;

(f) how many petitions have been received (i) by the Diwan (ii) the Commissioner of Police (iii) the District Magistrate within the period of last one year complaining of partisan tendencies or official misconduct on the part of the Cochin Cusba Inspector Mr. N. I. Krishna Menon;

(g) whether any one of these petitions has been personally enquired into by the Commissioner of Police;

(h) if so, how many and with what result; and if not, why not;

(i) whether the Commissioner of Police did not order the parties to seek their remedy in a Court of Law in one of these petitions against Mr. Krishna Menon;

(j) whether the Commissioner did not order the D. S. P. not to enquire into the same allegations against Mr. Krishna Menon on a petition forwarded by the District Magistrate to the District Superintendent for enquiry?

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